

Life Skills Ties

Domain: Communication

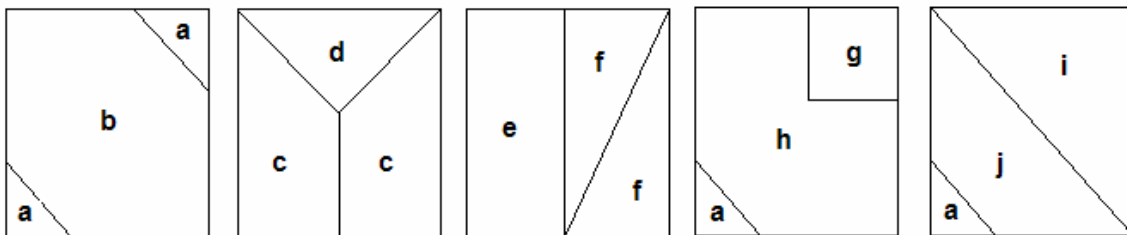
Level: 5-12

Title: Group Puzzle Solving

Time Allocation: 30 minutes



Materials Needed: Sets of puzzles and envelopes for 5 player teams, one puzzle per player, also a rule sheet for each team. Prepare the puzzles by marking and cutting 9" squares as follows:



Label the pieces as indicated with a light pencil marking that can be erased. Pieces with identical letters should be the same size. Then put the pieces in envelopes as follows:

Envelope A = i, h, e

Envelope D = a, f, g

Envelope B = a, a, c

Envelope E = b, f, c

Envelope C = a, j, d

As you put the pieces in the envelopes, erase the pencil letters and replace them with the letters of the envelopes they go in.

Give each team a copy of this rule sheet

Rules:

- Each player is to construct a 9" square consisting of three pieces
- No player may speak
- No player may ask another player for a puzzle piece or in any way signal to that player to give him a puzzle piece
- Players may freely give pieces to other players

Questions:

How did the lack of communication affect the process?

What did you learn through the process?